GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:333
ANSWERED ON:22.12.2015
Stock Limit for Essential Commodities
Girri Shri Maheish

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether some States have reportedly removed the stock limit for essential commodities in violation of the directions of the Government, if so, the details thereof and reaction of the Government thereto;

(b) whether the Government has issued any policy directive imposing stock limits for pulses on licensed food processors, importers, exporters, retailers etc, to prevent hoarding of pulses and to check their prices and if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, whether the Government is planning to issue such policy directive in the near future to prevent hoarding and consequent rise in prices of pulses and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) to (d) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.*333 FOR 22.12.2015 REGARDING STOCK LIMIT FOR ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES.

(a) : At present States have been enabled to imposed stock limits on Onions, Edible Oilseeds, Edible oils and Pulses. The powers of Central Government under section 3 of the Essential Commodities Act 1955, have been delegated to the States/UTs vide notification dated 9.6.1978(Annexure-I). The States are fully empowered to impose stock limits on any of these commodities within the confine of the notification dated 9.6.1978.

(b) : Vide Notification No. 2857 (E) dated 18.10.2015 (Annexure-II) Central Government has withdrawn all exemptions from Stock Limits on pulses granted vide Notification No. 2642 (E) dated 28.09.2015 (Annexure-III), enabling the States to impose stock limits for the stock kept by licensed food processors, importers, exports, retailers etc. also.
(c) & (d): Does not arise.
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